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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **October 6 – October 13**.

COCA Updates are disseminated biweekly. More frequent distributions may occur when there is emergency information or an event-specific update to share. The next COCA Update is scheduled for **October 20**.

For questions about these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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COCA News and Announcements

Upcoming COCA Calls:

Preparing for Ebola: What U.S. Hospitals Can Learn From Emory Healthcare and Nebraska Medical Center

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)

Dial In Number: 888-603-9630 (U.S. Callers); 630-395-0291 (International Callers)

Passcode: 9976995

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa has increased the possibility of patients traveling from the impacted countries to U.S. hospitals. A few patients with Ebola virus disease have been medically evacuated to receive care in U.S. hospitals. Recently, the first case of Ebola virus disease was diagnosed in the United States in a person who traveled to Dallas, Texas from West Africa; this patient passed away on October 8, 2014. CDC and our partners are taking precautions to prevent the spread of Ebola within the United States. During this COCA Call, the presenters will focus on healthcare systems preparedness, and participants will learn how Emory Healthcare and Nebraska Medical Center prepared for patients with Ebola and the lessons learned.

To help our presenters communicate content that is most important to clinicians, please submit your questions before the call to coca@cdc.gov. Please note: the focus of this call will be healthcare systems preparedness, not clinical management of the patients with Ebola.

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_101414.asp

Recent COCA Calls:

Neurologic Illness with Limb Weakness in Children

Date: Friday, October 3, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_100314.asp

Archived COCA conference calls are available at emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp.

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp

CDC Emergency Response – 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa

NEW: CDC Media Statement: Texas Reports Positive Test for Ebola in a Health Care Worker

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/s1012-texas-health-care-worker.html>

NEW: CDC Press Release: Enhanced Ebola Screening to Start at Five U.S. Airports and New Tracking Program for all People Entering U.S. from Ebola-affected Countries

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Homeland Security's Customs & Border Protection (CBP) this week will begin new layers of entry screening at five U.S. airports that receive over 94 percent of travelers from the Ebola-affected nations of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/p1008-ebola-screening.html>

NEW: Ebola Waste Management

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/medical-waste-management.html>

Updated: Outbreak Update

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/index.html>

NEW: Facts about Ebola Infographic

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/facts-about-ebola.pdf>

Updated: CDC Ebola Microsite for healthcare workers now available

CDC has created an Ebola microsite specifically for U.S. healthcare workers featuring the most current Ebola content, guidance and resources for healthcare practitioners. The embed code for this microsite is available in CDC's new syndication site, the [Public Health Media Library](#). Please contact IMTech@cdc.gov for technical support.

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 40 – (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)

Find online and in-person training resources at

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

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- [Assessment of Ebola Virus Disease, Health Care Infrastructure, and Preparedness — Four Counties, Southeastern Liberia, August 2014](#)
- [Acute Neurologic Illness of Unknown Etiology in Children — Colorado, August–September 2014](#)
- [Acute Flaccid Paralysis with Anterior Myelitis — California, June 2012–June 2014](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

Weekly Flu View – October 3 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – October 9 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

[COCA RSS Feed](#) – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers

[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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